

Remarks

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 10 and 24 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 10-16, 24 and 26-31 are now presented for examination.

In response to a Final Office Action mailed May 29, 2007, claims 10-16, 24, and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Umen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,854,086) in view of Shoup et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,076,502). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Umen in view of Shoup.

Umen discloses a document production system for preparing documents and managing a database of information pertaining to investigational studies of medical products. See Umen at Abstract. Umen further discloses a data management user interface (DMUI) that provides section headings that may be included in the document templates for identifying various sections of each document. The DMUI provides a template selection menu that allows a user to select a document template. For example, the user may select an FDA report template from the menu. See Umen at col. 17 ll. 24-55.

Shoup discloses a record management system that generates a layout mapping. The layout engine builds the layout mapping in a layout mapping storage unit by utilizing retrieved formatting information and the record structure foundation formed by a query map and master table index. See Shoup at col. 16 ll. 32-39.

Independent claims 10 and 24 of the present application each recite layout parameters including formatting instructions to specify fixed data to be included in a format region each time a particular layout identifier is encountered. Applicant submits that neither Umen nor Shoup disclose or suggest formatting instructions that specify fixed

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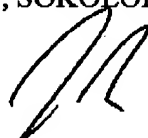
data to be included in a format region each time a particular layout identifier is encountered. Since both Umen and Shoup fail to disclose or suggest formatting instructions that specify fixed data to be included in a format region each time a particular layout identifier is encountered, any combination of Umen and Shoup would also fail to disclose or suggest such a feature. Thus claims 10 and 24, and their respective dependent claims, are is patentable over Umen in view of Shoup.

Applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,
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